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## Election chaos consumes the country Protestors march in D.C.

Photos and story By Seneca Theno  
Whalesong Editor

A federal judge in Miami has ruled against a request by George W. Bush's presidential campaign to end manual vote recounts in four disputed Florida counties.

U.S. District Judge Donald Middlebrooks issued his ruling early Monday afternoon.

Bush's legal team is now likely to appeal the decision to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, perhaps as soon as later in the afternoon.

"We understand what the court did. We appreciate the fact that the judge listened. He thought it was something that

would be pursued by a higher court," said Theodore Olson, an attorney for the Bush campaign. Olson hinted that the campaign might appeal the ruling.

Laurence Tribe, the attorney for Vice President Al Gore's campaign, described Middlebrooks'

ruling as "fairly normal and standard. It's important because the President of the United States turns on this. But we didn't make any new law today."

It is unclear how Middlebrooks' ruling will affect the ongoing recounts. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris said earlier today that state law requires all counties must have their certified vote counts submitted to Tallahassee, the state capital, by 5 p.m. Tuesday, and that she would enforce that deadline.

That appears to lay the groundwork for resolving Florida's disputed election by Saturday, provided all pending courtroom challenges fail or are withdrawn. If state election law is followed, Tuesday's certification will be followed by a Saturday deadline for counting so-called overseas absentee ballots, and Florida then would issue a final vote count.

On Saturday, Nov. 11th, voters marched along The Mall in Washington, D.C., protesting the Bush administration's campaign against the manual recount. The group of protesters, standing in support of the recount, included supporters from all sides of the political race. Rebecca Wilson, a regis-

tered Republican voter and critic of Bush's opposition to the recount, said, "The governor needs to be careful that the vote is 100 percent fair. It should be clear that he won on his own merit." If the manual recount did not happen, and Bush was declared the winner of Florida, Wilson was afraid it might cast a "shadow on his presidency. Democrats would be yelling the whole four years."

The vice president said, "There is something very special about our process that depends totally on the American people having a chance to express their will without any intervening interference. That's really what is at stake here."

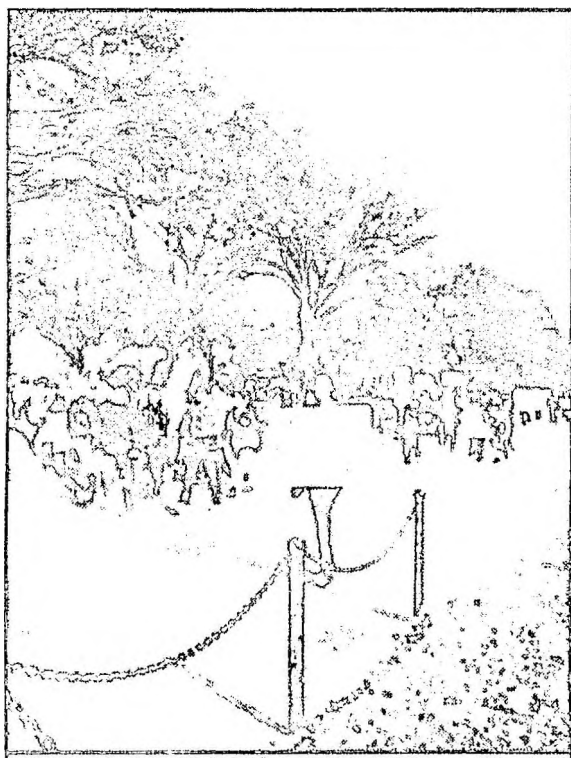
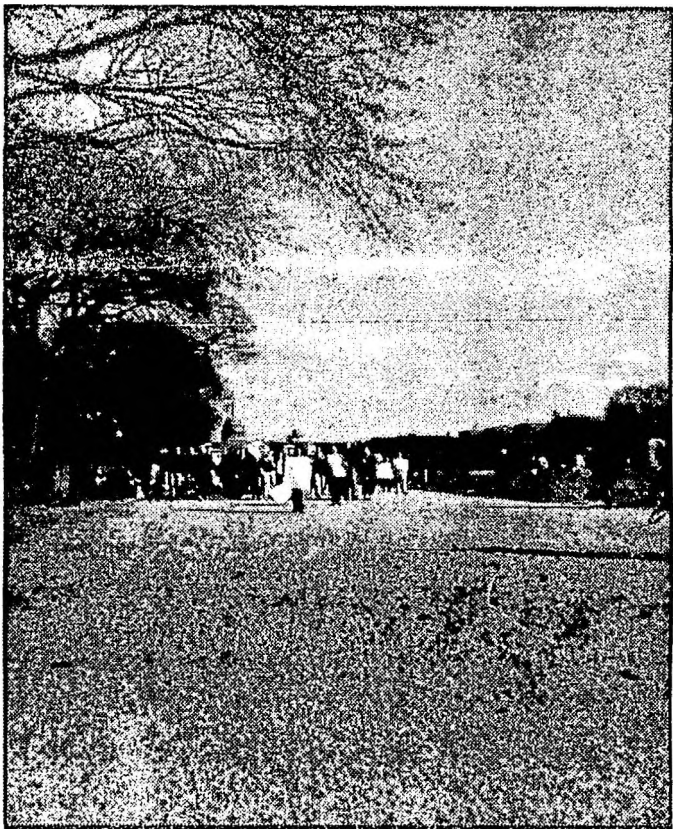
Tina Van Pelt, another Republican voter marching on The Mall, agrees. "A thorough and honest tally is necessary to ensure the integrity of the [presidential] position."

Oregon, the only other state yet to report final results, is expected to determine the winner of its seven electoral votes soon. As of Monday morning, Nov. 14th, 99 percent of the votes were counted with Gore leading Bush by 5,756 votes. In Oregon law, a recount is required only if the difference between the candidates is less than 1/5 percent of the total vote, or about 2,800 votes.

In Alaska, the final count awarded Bush 59 percent of the vote, Gore 28 percent, and ten percent of the total vote going to Ralph Nader. The state's three electoral votes went to Governor Bush.

According to an on-line poll conducted by CNN.com, 53 percent of voters believe Gore should concede the vote in Florida, and 47 percent disagree (90,781 responses).

Paul Simao, Ian Christopher McCaleb, The Associated Press, Reuters, and CNN Correspondents contributed to this story.



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-Seneca Theno,  
Whalesong Editor

## Flu vaccine shortage; prices up

By Sue Ellen Christian  
Chicago Tribune

The temporary national shortage of flu vaccine is creating a seller's market with vaccine prices soaring to five times the usual cost, even as the scarcity has forced health providers to turn away some patients who need the shots most.

No one really knows when the shortage will be resolved, and for now, the delivery of vaccine is in a race to beat the upcoming flu season, which typically arrives in late December and early January.

"What is interesting is suddenly there is a black market," said Janet Teeters, who oversees the pharmacy program for the nine-hospital Advocate Health Care system in metropolitan Chicago.

"We'll get faxes and cold calls saying, 'We have vaccine.' It's like five times the price," Teeters said. "We still don't have our original ordered supplies yet, but somehow the vaccine is getting out there."

The unprecedented circumstances are highlighting a little-noticed tentacle of the nation's complex drug delivery system: Niche distribution companies that have sprung up particularly in the last decade that specialize in hard-to-get drugs.

These companies are capitalizing on a temporary shortage caused by two factors. First, production was halted at two of the four vaccine makers because of violations in good manufacturing practices; only one was allowed to resume. Second, one of the vaccine's three virus strains, A/Panama, has been slower to grow than most viruses, slowing production times.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expects that 70 percent of the national supply of vaccine will be delivered by the end of November; typically, all of it is shipped by then. Because the vaccine takes two weeks to take full effect in healthy people, the timing creates the possibility that the flu season will arrive before people are protected.

What vaccine is available now is, for the most part, going to high-risk patients such as those over 65; if the majority of vaccine arrives by the end of November, the timing will allow for such patients to be immunized before the flu season, officials said. But for now, health care providers are turning away even high-risk patients.

Experts urge people to be immunized in December and January even if the flu season has arrived—as long as they haven't gotten the flu yet.

There is some good news. The sporadic outbreaks of flu that have occurred this season have reassured experts that this year's vaccine formula matches this year's flu strains. In the end, about 75 million doses expected to be produced for U.S. distribution this year will be delivered, though later than usual.

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is a major cause of illness and death in the U.S., according to the CDC, leading to an average of 20,000 deaths and at least 110,000 hospitalizations annually. Flu vaccines are 70 percent to 90 percent effective in preventing influenza among healthy adults and help prevent severe illness in high-risk patients that contract the virus.

"The most important message to give people is that vaccine is on the way," CDC spokeswoman Barbara Reynolds said.



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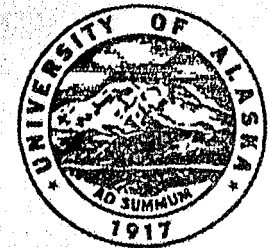
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Written by Stacie Hall

For those of you who didn't know, I was Nova's first roommate in Juneau. I was probably the first to meet the extraordinarily shy, even naïve girl that walked through the doors of Banfield Hall. So much transpired that first year that I can hardly begin to share the wealth of memories that accompany it. However, one of my favorites (although not at the time) is of Nova's alarm clock. Yes, I'm sure that you're wondering what could possibly be so amazing about an alarm clock. Well, here it is: every morning for a whole semester I had to wake up to "You Are My Sunshine" in mechanical alarm clock tones. She loved that clock. Her grandma had given it to her I think. Picture, if you will, the love I had to hold for this person not to break that clock as she began to play in the morning at 8 a.m. And Nova was a heavy sleeper, so it sometimes made it through two or three chimes before she'd finally hit the snooze button, or I'd throw a pillow at her. But I think it became so ironic to me, after her death, because as clichéd as it is, Nova was always a bit of sunshine. She always had a ready smile and a hug. I cannot think of one person who ever disliked her. I am proud to say that in the two years that I knew her I played a small part in helping her become the vibrant person she was. But as much as I feel I may have taught her, she taught me more about wonder, innocence and friendship.

Brian, on the other hand, was the opposite of shy. He was always larger than life. He was fun and full of laughter, but always available to lend an ear. I will just say that I spent a pleasant afternoon hour or two blowing bubbles with him on the bridge (the entrance to Banfield) and I've never thought that another guy could look quite as nice as him in that black skirt (or was it a dress?). Either way, he had impeccable taste. Maybe you didn't know him, but, Amber did you know that you're favorite couch came from Brian? It complimented the coffee table in his room and the tent that went over his bed. It's just funny that sometimes you incorporate someone into your life and you didn't even know it. I just hope his Mr. Duck is safe.

I guess to end I'd like to say that pieces of these people will remain forever. Literally, sometimes. I know I speak for all of our absent Banfield family when I say they will be greatly missed, but the bond will remain.

## Brian and Nova-immortal



Nova

Nova, star of the North.  
You have visited us for only  
a moment.  
A brilliant glimpse of you,  
your eyes full of fire.  
A cool blue.  
A burning red.  
You are peace Nova,  
my Nova.  
Whose is this heart  
that covers the world  
like an infinite blanket?  
Whose is this love  
that sinks into each  
empty space  
of our sad souls  
filling us completely?  
Nova, it's you.  
The American, the Cuban,  
the Atheaskan.  
Nova, the star we see  
on the clearest, coldest nights.  
Nova, it's you!

-Always, Tia



**We are fortunate to have known both  
Brian and Nova. They will be deeply  
missed on the UAS campus and beyond.  
A peaceful journey to you both.**



## The choices we make...

By Lola Granola

Whalesong contributor

**D**id you ever think about the numerous decisions you make everyday? That you have made in your life? That you are going to have to make? That unfortunately are being made for you? I pondered this as my alarm went off...and I made my first choice of the day. Get up and be a responsible student and go to class, or fall back into the I-stopped-doing-homework-and-went-to-bed-two-hours-ago slumber that I was rudely awakened from. We choose to get up, we choose what we want for breakfast (coke and a doughnut, or yogurt and tea), we choose what to wear, if we're going to shower (is there really a choice there?), and we choose to drive, walk, bike, or run to our profession or class which we thought was important to choose to better our lives. We choose to stay healthy and work out, or not.

We choose how to wear our hair if we have it, and sometimes we make the wrong choice (yea, sometimes I look like Princess Leia). We have to select classes each semester, hoping that it will bring us closer to the degree of our choice. We selected the college we our attending, because it seemed like the right choice to make. Moreover, if you are me, you chose

not to go to college right away. We choose to accept jobs because of the bills we created with the choices we made to move out of our parent's homes. Or when we chose to use our credit cards to purchase the sweater that we know was the right choice to match the shoes we chose last week. We often have to decide what is the best way to manage our time so we can choose to have a little fun.

I have made so many decisions it's hard to keep track what was good or bad, right or wrong. I have selected six different careers from professional skating to human resources and I am still trying to decide. I have been to six different colleges and changed my major about that many times as well. I chose to not go right to college, and am a 30-something student trying to set a good example. I chose to be a professional ice skater and my knees chose to punish me for it. I chose to fall in love with good guys I treated badly, and bad guys who would not leave. I chose to marry a Coast Guard officer (maybe he chose me), and I ended up in Alaska...a good choice. I choose to be a good friend to a person whenever I can. I choose to try my hardest in school and at my jobs. I could be an average Jane, but I choose not to be. I have made choices about my life that have been ones that I wish I could do over. In addition, I have rejoiced in some of my choices. Then, of course, that brings me to the ideas of choices that we have no control over.

We cannot choose our parents (especially when they embarrass us). We cannot choose whom we fall in love with most of the time. And we cannot choose when someone breaks our heart. We cannot choose the right way to let someone down, because there is no right way. There is no choice when it comes to betrayal or cheating, whether it is on an exam or on a person, this should be an easy choice to make (DON'T DO IT). I am not saying this to sound self-righteous or sound like an angel. I reiterate I have made bad choices in my life. What I am trying to tell you in this ranting mess is that you have a choice. You can make the right ones, or the wrong ones. Even if the choice you make, is not the best, you can choose to learn from the mistakes and from the winning moments.

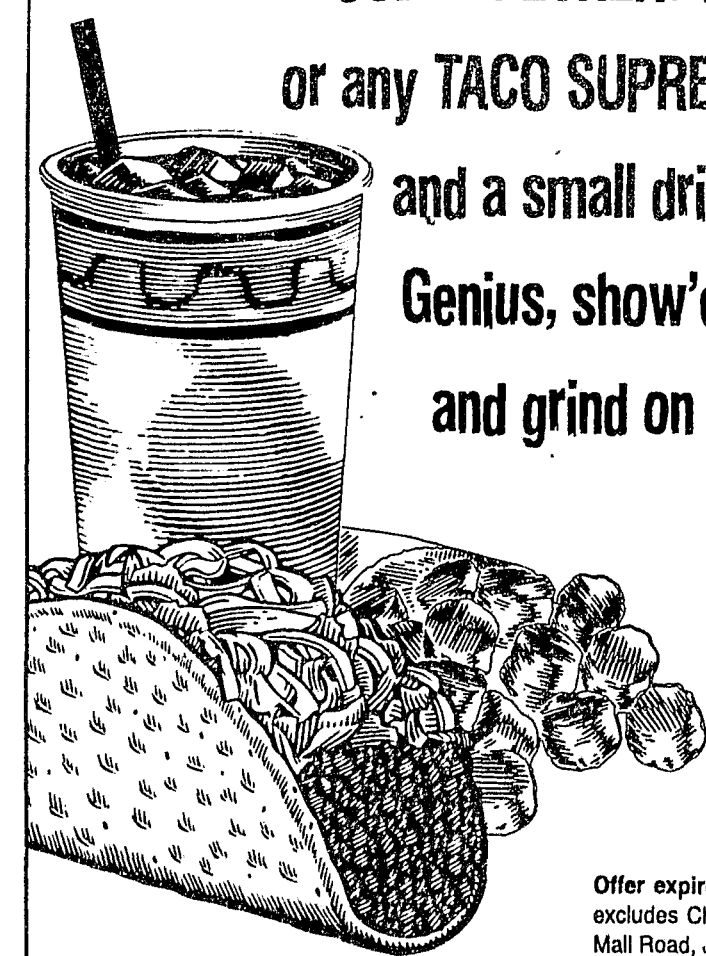
I choose to contribute to life because I want to. We have recently lost people in our lives that chose to contribute (to life), and their choices made us glad that we knew them, and happy to be part of their lives. Losing a friend, lover, partner, parent, or child is never a choice we want to be a part of. When who or what you choose to believe in makes that decision, we must choose to remember those people and to carry that memory, as they would have done for us. I chose to share this with you, and I hope that choice was a good one.

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## THE LAMB WAS SURE TO GO

By Tom Linklater

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
had a lamb  
whose fleece was white as her aunt's birthday frosting,  
and everywhere Mary went  
she was afraid  
she might get skewered  
so she taught the lamb  
to rip open their arteries  
even though then its fleece  
wasn't so white anymore  
and everyone thought a red lamb looked kinda dumb,

except for  
they did  
stay away;

and she kept reading the stories her mom had  
and her dad did  
when they were little  
so she could maybe discover  
why it was they'd let her uncle  
get his whiskers so so so close  
to her fairy tales when they were gone  
and she was alone,  
and then he forced open the pages  
so wide  
she had no place for her tears to go  
except her heart,

which was actually when the lamb showed up  
though they all said  
they'd never seen one like this  
without a mouth

which was a crock,  
she thought,  
because everywhere she went later in life  
she kept bumping into other people's sheep  
afraid to bleat.

(More poetry on page 10.)

## Halloween costume contest

Arlo Midgett won best individual costume as Darth Maul  
1st place: Computing Services (Team computing!)  
2nd place: Academic programs (Alice in Wonderland)  
3rd place: Library (Seuss-ville)

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Can you tell which one is a Star Wars character  
and which one works in Media Services?



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The library puts on their Dr.-Seuss best for Halloween.



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Tish is served eyeballs with  
brains on the side for lunch.



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UAS selling Brain of Child and Rare Toes!



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Beth Weigel in Wonderland.



## FOCUS

### Connecting to higher education

College Connection program lets students earn high school and college credits simultaneously

By Amber Timothy  
Whalesong reporter

Juneau-Douglas High School senior Sharon Malaby wears many hats: in addition to her classes downtown at the high school, she is also a part-time University of Alaska Southeast student, taking Music Appreciation and the freshman humanities course Alaska: A Sense of Place this semester.

Malaby is enrolled at the university through College Connection, a cooperative, dual-credit program between the Juneau School District and UAS. Students accepted into the program take college classes oncampus and receive both college and high school credits simultaneously; in addition, the school district pays for tuition and books.

One of 46 students in College Connection this fall, Malaby learned of the program this summer from her guidance counselor and readily accepted the opportunity. "The high school has a limited curriculum—I felt I was ready to move on to different things," Malaby said. "My experience and ability to learn at the school had plateaued, and I was wanting to experience more."

That's the situation of many of the high school students in College Connection, said Robert Sewell, coordinator of the program. High school tends to provide more of a "one size fits all" education that can leave something to be desired, especially for students with high aptitudes. "The program provides for extra individualization," Sewell said. "One size does not fit all, there need to be more answers. A key way to improve education is to have more alternatives, and really this is a cheap one."

According to a 1999-2000 academic report, the cost of tuition, fees and books of the College Connection program averaged about \$500 per student each semester.

In the past, families paid that expense, meaning that many students didn't have an opportunity to take UAS courses because their families couldn't afford to do so. But by absorbing the cost, College Connection gives all eligible JDHS students that opportunity. "Some kids have historically done this out of their back pocket, but if we rely only on that, it's in the sense that only some families will vigorously explore this as an option, and that's not good," Sewell said.

To be considered for the program, students must have a 3.0 grade point average and have exhausted the course sequence at the high school for the subject they plan to enroll in. Students also must submit an application with an essay explaining why they want to take classes at UAS. Included in the application is a "statement of understanding" in which students agree to reimburse the school district if they don't receive a C or higher in each course.

The 46 high school students enrolled in UAS classes is a "very solid increase" from fall of 1999 when there were 28 students, Sewell said. "There will be a further rise this spring because that was a pattern last year, so I expect we're going to see that bump," he said. "Sometimes people need that first semester to settle in, then they start thinking about what's ahead."

Foreseeing what's ahead is one reason students enter into College Connection. Sewell gave the example of a 15-year-old student who, because of the College Connection program, will graduate from high school and be two-thirds of the way done with her associate's degree after fall semester.

### UAS faculty member honored

By Joy Lyon  
Whalesong contributor

Dr. Marjorie Fields, professor of Early Childhood Education at UAS, was honored recently by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Southeast Alaska.

In celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the NAEYC affiliate in Southeast Alaska, Dr. Fields was honored as the Advocate of the Year. "Really this award should read, Advocate of the Decade, or two decades," stated Joy Lyon, President of the Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children, during the presentation at the recent Early Childhood conference held in Sitka.

Dr. Fields was the inspiration and motivating force in organizing the affiliate in 1980. "She is our founding mother," stated Ms. Lyon. In addition to serving as the first Board President, Dr. Fields has served on the both the state and national boards of NAEYC, and has presented at nearly every early childhood conference in the region. Her books, including *Literacy Begins at Birth*, *Let's Begin Reading Right*, and *Constructive Guidance and Discipline*, are widely used as texts in universities across the country.

"She is a visionary person who knows what education should be for young children. She has always been our inspiration," stated Chris Thomas, a local elementary teacher and one of the original members. NAEYC-SEA has now grown from a handful of grassroots members, to approximately 200 members with an office of seven staff. The organization offers referrals, information, advocacy, and services to families, teachers and caregivers of young children.

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Another benefit to the program is that it integrates students into the more open, accepting college environment, allowing teenagers to see past the cliques and clubs that characterize high school. "My strong belief is that they feel safe, like the environment is fairly intimate," Sewell said. "I have not had anybody—no parents, no kids—who has told me they don't fit in or they feel alienated. If they feel it, I'm not seeing it or hearing it."

That rings true for JDHS senior Malaby, who has found in the two course she's taking at UAS what she calls a "very individualistic environment."

"Everyone is their own person, doing things because they choose to," she said.

Regardless of why students choose take college courses, Sewell said they must come with "clearheadedness and commitment to the task."

"It's a social contribution thing," he said. "They feel a bit special—and they are, not only because of the work they do, but for the work they do to keep the door open for other students who want to do this later on."

## FOCUS

### Amy Bergdale goes way down under

By Alice Albrecht  
Whalesong Staff



Photo by Alice Albrecht  
Amy Bergdale thaws out to Juneau's warm weather and a hot cup of coffee.

While many people chose palm trees and sunny beaches for a winter vacation, Amy Bergdale chose to board a Russian icebreaker and ride through six-story swells to the bottom of the world.

Her roller-coaster passage to Antarctica was rewarded with scenes of spectacular beauty, close encounters with penguins and seals, and setting foot on an island where no man or woman has gone since 1923.

In December, 1999, Bergdale journeyed to South America. Departing New York in the middle of winter, bundled up in layers of winter garb, Amy's group of six landed in Argentina's tropical climate. (Iowa University undergraduates, an entomologist, a retired physics instructor, a statistician, and their chief).

After a two-day stop in Buenos Aires, where the group waited for their lost lug-

gage and gear to catch up, Amy and her friends went out sightseeing. "We happened upon the inauguration of the new president of Argentina. There were a lot

of American dignitaries in Buenos Aires for the event and we met an American ambassador at the inaugura-



tion and he took us out to dinner."

From Buenos Aires, Amy flew to Ushuaia, Argentina, where she embarked on her two-day sail to Antarctica. As her presentation audience viewed the beautiful photos of mountains in the Tierra del Fuego region, which looked a lot like Alaska, Amy remarked on a little known fact. The Andes

Mountains don't end at the tip of Argentina, but go undersea and come up again in Antarctica.

Amy journeyed on a five-story, 215 foot-long Russian icebreaker. "There's a current that runs around the continent of Antarctica, the Antarctic Current, and we had to pass through the Drake Passage, a treacherous stretch of water between the tip of Argentina and Antarctica. The icebreaker ran through 5 to 6-story swells. Amy smiled with glee as she remarked, "You tied yourself to the bed and hung on for a 48-hour roller coaster ride."

Amy stated during her

presentation that she felt as if she was walking on clouds as she clicked on a slide of beautiful green moss covering rocks that looked like clouds. She noted that because of the growing ozone hole, scientists have been studying the flora and fauna in Antarctica, as there

has been more moss and lichen growth recently.

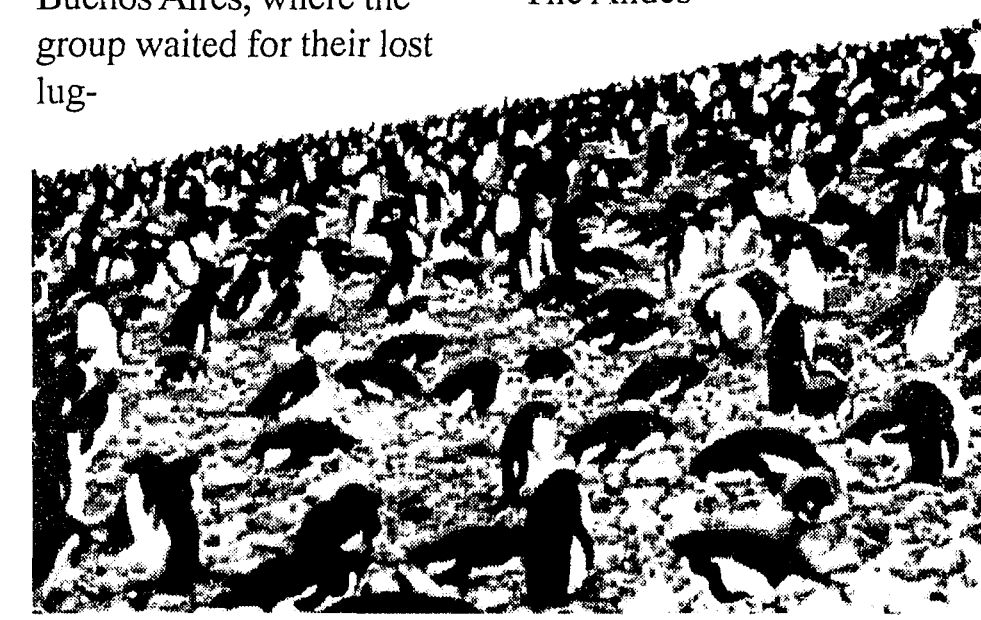
The Deception Island area where the team spent some of its time was partially destroyed by an active volcano, though historical remains of an old whaling station still remain. "There were old boats and old bones everywhere, along with old oil whale boilers." Amy explained that drinking water for the whalers was melted from the ice sheets and stored in ground wells.

"Not much grows in Antarctica and it takes forever for anything to deteriorate. There were hundreds of bones and we saw skeletal remains of probably 15-20 whales. One Fin Whale was probably 25'-35' long with a 4'-5' section of vertebrae." Amy showed a slide of a snow angel she made and stated how she hoped it would remain there for many years. Antarctica doesn't have much precipitation and there may only be a 1"-2" dusting of fresh snow each year, so chances are good her snow angel will still be there years from now.

The wildlife was the highlight of the presentation. One slide showed one to two hundred penguins condensed into an area the size of a house. Amy informed the audience, "Penguins usually lay two eggs, and it's rare to see more than one chick as one usually gets eaten by seals or is destroyed."

Amy remarked about the penguin's nesting habits, "It's

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## UAS toy drive for tots News from the student exchange program

By Alice Albrect  
Whalesong reporter

As a way of showing appreciation for fellow students, Chancellor John Pugh has joined with Student Council in sponsoring a toy drive for the children of UAS students.

A tree will be placed in the cafeteria specifically for listing student's children.

If you are a student with children, and you'd like to participate, fill out one of the provided forms listing your child's first name, age, gender, sizes and a number of items you feel your child would like for Christmas.

If you'd like to sponsor a particular child, then mark through the item you'd like to purchase for that child, or write "other".

We want the child's name to remain on the tree, so children have the opportunity to receive more than one gift.

Student Council will coordinate the exchange of presents, and information will be posted at the tree. Call Tia Anderson at 465-6517 or Alice Albrect at 465-6409 for further information.

By Elizabeth Schelle

Joe Pelayo is a UAS student studying business in The Netherlands this year. He was in Rome when he wrote this e-mail message: *"I am in Rome for 10 days during October break. I have been here for about five days and plan on leaving for Florence and Venice tomorrow. Truly Magical Elizabeth!... As for Tilburg, it is also one magical place. It is built so differently from Amsterdam. It has more of a relaxed atmosphere and excellent landscaping. Many trees and well-maintained grass as well as flowers. I am never bored and always manage to find something to do. In a span of two months so many memories have been made and I know there are more and more to come... My Italian friend who studies Philosophy and Poetry told me that it is healthy for the mind to experience new things no matter what it makes you feel. I agree with him and can vouch for it. I have never grown so much and so fast. Just when I thought I knew it all... I found out that there is so much more to learn."*

For those of you interested in an educational adventure this spring or summer, please see Elizabeth Schelle soon. There are still opportunities with the Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA) for their programs in Europe (including internships in London!) and Chile. For community members who are not degree-seeking UAS students but have taken our language courses and are beyond our offerings in French and Spanish, you may be able to sign up for the French program in Angers or the Spanish programs in Oviedo, Spain or Valdivia, Chile. Contact Elizabeth if you are interested!

Also, we still have our tuition-free opportunity to study at the University of Lulea in northern Sweden for the spring term, and the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) has the following summer programs: In English—Finland, Korea, Thailand, and Kenya, plus programs to study in German and Spanish (4 sites in Mexico).

Remember to visit the Juneau World Affairs Council (JWAC) website for their up-coming events: <http://www.jwac.org>. You might consider becoming a member while you're browsing the website—registration forms are on-line.

Another website that you might enjoy is the one for Intercultural Press—a publishing house for valuable resources on intercultural communication, international living, etc. The website is: <http://www.interculturalpress.com>.

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## Tis the season for giving

By Alice Albrect  
Whalesong reporter

Hundreds of Juneau children and adults will celebrate Christmas this year with help from UAS.

This year, UAS is again sponsoring Glory Hole in its annual food and toy drive. UAS has joined forces with various other groups, including area churches, the U.S. Coast Guard, and KINY radio station to see that those in need have a nice Christmas.

Joan Decker of Glory Hole stated, "Last year we gave out 140 Christmas baskets and served dinner for another 100 people. We also gave out 2000 presents—probably four to five for each child. We had hundreds of kids come in last year. It was so crowded in here, it was standing room only."

When asked what Glory Hole's needs were this year, Joan stated, "We can always use toys. We can use more gifts for teenagers, makeup kits, tickets to theatres, McDonald's gift certificates, and for the smaller children, games and stuffed toys are popular."

Anyone wishing to donate to the drive may place their gift items in one of the many boxes located around campus.

If the gifts are wrapped, the gender, approximate age, and size if the item is clothing should be written on the outside of the package.

Canned and non-perishable food items may also be donated to fill Christmas dinner baskets. Perishable items (best if frozen) can be donated on Dec. 15 at the Business and Public Admin. Building until 2 p.m.

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Amy and the team took blood samples and a biologist in the team analyzed female penguin blood for changes in nesting hormones. "The penguins weren't bothered by it. They didn't object to being picked up and pricked, but you had to watch out for flying guano," Amy explained, "Penguins cement their nest material together with guano (poop) and use anything available, even dead penguins to build their nests."

Amy laughed as she recalled watching a group of penguins make their way down to the water. "They were a timid bunch, pressing in closer and closer together as they neared the water's edge, until one penguin fell in, then suddenly they all followed."

Amy told the audience how the researches gave wide birth to the treacherous Leopard Seals that can skin a penguin and eat it within a matter of seconds.

On their way back from the Antarctica mainland, they made a stop at Astrolabe Island, which looks like a dragon. No one has been on the island since 1923, because the rocks (dragon's teeth), along with a treacherous current, make it impossible to get close. But the water was calm and so before returning to civilization, they took their Zodiac and went where no person has gone for close to seventy-seven years. Amy came to Juneau from Iowa State University, where she will be graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology in Spring, 2001. Amy decided to attend UAS in order to get some hands-on research of Alaskan mammals. She plans to go back to Iowa in May for commencement.

If you'd like to talk to Amy about her trip and her plans, you can email her at: [jsajb3@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jsajb3@uas.alaska.edu)

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## Haines Eagle Festival once again provided fun and education to UAS students

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## In Review

## Leave your beret at home

An evening with a JAHG literary reading

By Amber Timothy  
Whalesong reporter

Let's get this straight: I'm not a big fan of black, I don't go around sporting berets, and I'm not one to frequent local coffee shops. That said, on Oct. 23rd I attended an evening of "Between the Lines," a literary reading at the Back Room Restaurant, and (drum roll, please) I actually enjoyed it. I guess I've seen "So I Married An Axe Murderer" one too many times, because I expected to enter in to a dark, smoke-filled room filled with crowds of pensive, mustached-men clutching cups of espresso. But the back room was bright and friendly-looking, with nary a beret to be seen.

Co-sponsored by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and the University of Alaska Southeast English Department, "Between the Lines" is part of the Literary Reading Series, which features the works of talented writers from Juneau and beyond. On the night I attended, two local writers, Heidi Gosho and Tom Linklater, shared their poems and stories.

Tom Linklater went first. A talented and witty writer, Linklater has published numerous poems in *Explorations*, UAS's literary publication. Born and raised in Portland, Ore., he received his B.A. from Brown University and his M.A. from the University of Oregon. In 1975 he moved to Juneau and worked for the State of Alaska until 1984. From 1984-1997 he was employed full-time with Perseverance Theatre and is still on staff part-time as a contract employee.

Linklater read several of his poems, all of which overflowed with beautiful imagery and creative, unusual metaphors. In one short monologue from a play about a writer that Linklater is currently working on, he describes the difficulties writers face, not knowing whether their "masterpieces" are truly good or truly bad, and bemoans the fact that writing can't be like surgery. If a surgeon messes up, his patient dies, and if the surgeon continues to mess up, soon he'll be surrounded by cadavers. If only writing were more like surgery! says the writer in the monologue.

One of my favorite poems Linklater shared was "Capturing Alaska." Audience members laughed out loud during this one and many others.

Listening to Linklater made me realize how poetry can actually be entertaining and even fascinating at times. I've never been a big poetry reader, but now I at least appreciate it more. It's amazing how poetry is so much more interesting when it's read out loud, especially when its read by the author, who knows the vocal inflections and variations that will fit what he was trying to say in his poem.

Heidi Gosho followed Linklater. The owner of Computer Garden, a small computer business, Gosho has lived in Juneau since 1988. She grew up in communes around the country and began to seriously study writing at UAS.

She holds a B.A. in English and taught middle school. She's also worked as a commercial fisherman and a programmer. In addition to running her own

## CAPTURING ALASKA

By Tom Linklater

Reeking with inspiration,  
I poured out my soul into a love poem  
and took it tenderly, sweetly,  
wrapped in spruce boughs,  
and laid it at the forests feet.  
Two trees yawned and my creation flattened,  
the adjectives more embarrassed  
than the nouns.

I tried a sonnet and set it up a ridge  
in about four feet of fresh powder,  
my gift to the glistening majesty;  
but barely had I smoothed the snow  
when the adverbs shrieked  
and leaped back in my pack,  
squealing of lives now ruined  
and the need for professional help.

I floated a couplet on the departing tide,  
anticipating the glee of whales  
as it bobbed among them in harmony  
to soothe  
and center these giant leviathans;  
but before I could even breathe,  
every letter scattered  
and the ink bought a bus ticket south.

I retreated to my cabin porch,  
boots propped against the log railing.  
Suddenly,  
I balled a fist  
and stuck it straight toward the lavender-pink  
mountains  
at the far end of the meadow  
where the bears were mating underneath the eagle  
tree  
across from the moose pond and the caribou trail:  
Okay,  
okay,  
I shouted,  
But dont smirk!

business, Gosho works part-time for the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association. She also is a part-time student at UAS. Gosho has an 11-year-old daughter, Deirdre.

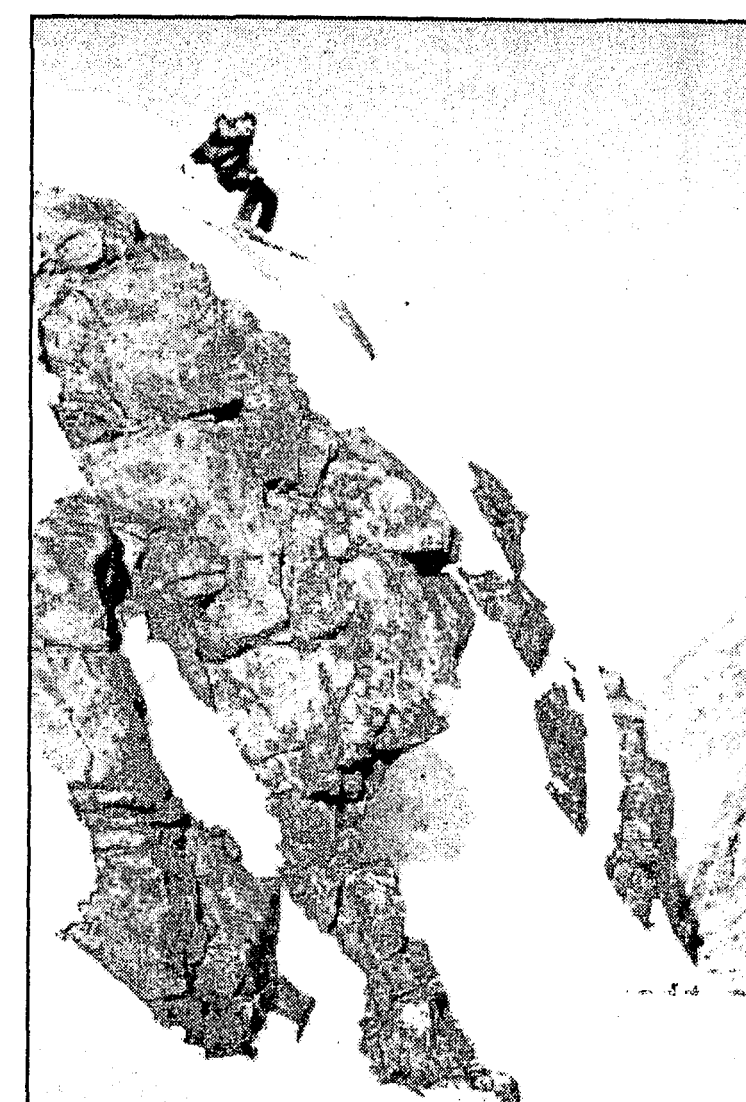
It was her very first literary reading, and she did splendidly. It was a bit harder to listen to Gosho than to Linklater because her voice wasn't as expressive and didn't carry as well. Then again, she hasn't been trained on the stage like he has.

Gosho read her work, "The Elephant Goddess," a story of love and desire of sorts about a Juneau man and the trouble he gets himself into when he cheats on his wife with the local "blue-eyed beauty."

"My version of love is that it's funny and difficult and sometimes deformed," Gosho told the audience before she began. The story sprung from her view of love and romance, which, after hearing the story, I think must be quite strange. To each his own, I suppose.

Nonetheless I enjoyed listening to Gosho. "The Elephant Goddess" was interesting and ironic, a laugh-out-loud tale.

The "Between the Lines" literary reading series continues through December 11. On Monday, Nov. 20, poets Susan Hagstrom and Rebecca Lee Yates will share their work at the back room at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, and food and drinks are extra. The final reading will be on Monday, Dec. 11, when local author Bridget Smith will be joined by poet Helena Fagan.

UAS professor Kevin Krein  
skis Mt. McKinleyPhotos courtesy  
of Kevin Krein

By Whalesong Staff

On June First, University of Alaska Southeast philosophy professor Kevin Krein flew into base camp on Denali. Twenty-four days later, he and fellow climber Josh Tabah summited North America's tallest peak.

Josh Tabah, Mary Palko, Thomas Bailly, and Krein began the trip with the intention of summiting together and skiing down. Krein was the only climber to accomplish the feat. However, the party was able to spend time climbing and skiing around during their ascent.

According to Krein, "The trip went smoothly. The weather was always good when we needed it to be. We were, for the most part, comfortable. We ate well and skied a lot."

Krein's skiing descent from the summit to the base camp covered 13,120 feet.

He says, "I think that each of us found the trip rewarding in different ways. For me, it was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen and the trip was certainly one of the most emotionally moving experiences of my life. We were very lucky that the weather and the mountain treated us so well and I feel like I was very lucky to have had a good ski down in great conditions. It seems like the mountain allowed us to be there for a while. If anything, it was a very humbling experience."

On Thursday, Nov. 16, Professor Krein will be giving a slide show presentation of his ascent on Denali at the Student Activities Center, beginning at 7 p.m.



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## Horoscopes by Tyler Bishop

### Aries (March 20 - April 20)

You often find yourself spending too much energy on the wrong purposes. Sometimes you have to give the reins to another person in order to save your sanity.

### Taurus (April 20 - May 21)

Change is not something you like to do, but it is the only thing that you can count on. Be prepared for the worst and you will come out on the greener side of the hill.

### Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

The firm opinions of Geminis are bound to cause a stir in your love life. You need to put your bickering aside and learn to compromise.

### Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Your luck is about to change; hope it is for the better. This is not to say that luck will fall into your lap, but if you're dedicated to what you do, luck is due to pay up.

### Leo (July 22 - Aug. 23)

Keep your roar to a purr this week. No one wants to hear you screaming about who the next president should be.

### Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

When things start to go wrong you start to worry. You find yourself dwelling on issues when all that it is needed is a little initiative. Solve the problem and move on to the next.

### Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The strive for balance and harmony is endless in Libras. You are ruled by Venus, the goddess of love and beauty; where ever you go, elegance is seen.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Your complex mind makes it difficult to see things in black and white. Your constant mood swings makes you hard to tolerate. Get past all that and Scorpions are wonderful people.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

You see things with open eyes and you are a good judge of what you want in your life. This makes it hard for you to let someone else become part of your life.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

An aura of melancholy and sternness often surrounds you. You want the best for yourself and you are determined that you can get whatever you want.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 19)

Nothing can stop you now. That is the theme for Aquarius this week. Now is the chance to get things going for you. It has been a slow start but the pace is about to pick up.

### Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

The only person that can sink your ship is you. You are the only one that you can blame for your downfalls. Step up to the occasion and you'll be a better person.

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## Dear Dr. Love and Deb Auchery...

### Is cyber sex cheating?

Doc says:

We addressed this issue last year but a lot has changed in a year. Cyber sex is not actually cheating but it reinforces the fact that you desire something else in your life. Have you ever wondered who's actually on the other end of the line? It could be some dirty old man posing as a hot twenty-one-year-old looking for fun. This is a fantasyland that you live in; you need to address what is really going on in your life.

Deb says:

The answer to this question is elusive...it all depends on what you consider cheating. If you are in a relationship that is based on trust, structured with honesty and maintained with communication, then you and your partner's definition of cheating should be at the very least similar. If you are already "cybering" with someone and you are experiencing feelings of guilt because you have not talked with your partner about your trysts into the sensual side of the Internet, then it is a pretty safe bet that in your particular situation you are cheating. Start talking now! Perhaps you can go about it in a creative way and somehow include your paramour in your visits online.

### What is the average size of the male penis?

Doc says:

The average size of the male penis is six inches. Some polls, however, have reported five, where others reported more. Does size really matter though?

Deb says:

I'm curious why you want to know...now that would be WAY more interesting than this moronic question. But, if I must answer, the average size is quite a bit bigger than a green bean, but smaller than the cucumber that most condom awareness instructors use.

### Dear Dr. Love, Are you available?

Doc says:

Dr. Love is always available by appointment only. For questions, appointments or various services you can reach me by e-mail at dr\_love144@hotmail.com.

Deb says:

I could comment on this, but since Dr. Love is a charming acquaintance, I'll keep my possibly blistering comments to myself.